

### REMARKS

Claims 19-29 were allowed and claims 30-36 were rejected as being unclear.

Claim 30 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 31-32 do not need to be amended. In both these claims the term "interface circuit" is used in singular form and in the context of a record held for an individual interface circuit. It is made clear in the description on page 5, lines 4-6 that the configuration record specified the number of channels for each interface circuit. Similarly, the description on page 12, lines 22-30 clearly refers to number of channels recorded for a single interface circuit. Hence, claims 31-32 are clear and there is enough basis to maintain these claims in unamended form.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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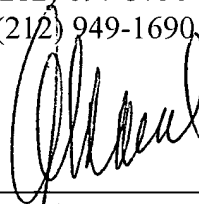
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